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SUBJ: FAO NEAR EAST FORESTRY COMMISSION, EIGHTH SESSION

REF: STATE 5932 (NOTAL)

- 1. FAO HAD PLANNED TO HOLD EIGHTH SESSION OF THE NEAR EAST FORESTRY COMMISSION IN KHARTOUM, SUDAN, FROM FEBRUARY 23-28, 1978. THE U.S. IS ON LIST OF OBSERVERS TO BE INVITED.
- 2. THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN HAS, UP TO TODAY, JANUARY 12, FAILED TO ACCEPT THE FAO'S MEMORANDUM ON THE HOST COUNTRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

UNTIL GOS NOTIFIES THE FAO OF ITS ACCEPTANCE, THE FAO CANNOT SEND OUT INVITATIONS. TO FURTHER COMPLICATE MATTER, FAO CONFERENCE DIVISION

SAYS IT IS TOO LATE TO SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO A MEETING STARTING FEBRUARY 23 AND SUGGESTS POSTPONEMENT.

3. THE FAO FORESTRY DIVISION HAS NOT DECIDED WHAT TO DO, BUT WILL NOTIFY FODAG AS SOON AS A DECISION IS TAKEN.

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4. FODAG PRESUMES HEART OF ISSUE LIES IN PARTICIPATION OF ISRAEL, WHICH SUDAN WOULD AS HOST COUNTRY, HAVE TO ACCEPT--A PROBLEM WHICH HAS COME UP ON KHARTOUM'S REQUEST TO HOST A MEETING OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.HOLMES

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